

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 566

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Elizabethton Twins upon winning the 2005 Appalachian League Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to specially commend and applaud those outstanding athletes and coaches whose championship-winning teams bring honor to the State of Tennessee through ability, dedication, and disciplined play; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabethton Twins have been affiliated with the Minnesota Twins since 1974, and the City of Elizabethton currently operates the team and has done so for the past thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 season was one of great success; the Elizabethton Twins won the 2005 Western Division Championship with an overall record of 48 wins to 19 losses and advanced to the Appalachian League Championship where they bested the Eastern Division Champions, the Danville Braves, to secure their seventh Appalachian League title; and

WHEREAS, the Twins were also champions off the field; players made numerous appearances at area churches and schools and at the regional children's hospital; players took time from their busy schedules to volunteer countless hours signing autographs and teaching youth the techniques of baseball; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabethton Twins' 2005 roster consisted of pitchers, Brian Duensing, Armando Gabino, Joe Gault, Ryan Gehring, Adam Hawes, Timothy Lahey, Ryan Mullins, Yohan Pino, Daniel Powers, Alexander Smit, Oswaldo Sosa, and Danny Vais; catchers, Caleb Moore, Sean Richardson, and Eli Tintor; infielders, Matthew Betsill, Toby Gardenhire, and Erik Lis; outfielders, Jilmer Arratia, Dustin Bensko, Larry Jones, Travis Kalin, Joshua Land, Yancarlos Ortiz, Edward Ovalle, Juan Portes, and Mark Robinson; and

WHEREAS, the Twins' outstanding staff includes President Harold Mains; General Manager Mike Mains, named recently as Appalachian League Executive of the Year, the second time he has been so honored; Manager Ray Smith, who for the fifth time in his career was named Appalachian League Manager of the Year; Hitting Coach Jeff Reed; Pitching Coach Jim Shellenback; Athletic Trainer Masayuki Nakatsukasa; and Clubhouse Manager David McQueen; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize the Elizabethton Twins championship season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that that we congratulate the team members and coaching staff of the Elizabethton Twins on their stellar 2005 season and their seventh Appalachian League Championship, commend them for their athletic ability, disciplined play, and commitment to their sport, and offer them our best wishes for much success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.